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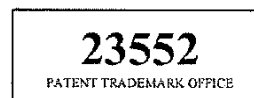
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Applicant:	BASS	Examiner:	R. NEGIN
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Dear Sir:

The Examiner indicated that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 1, 2006 did not contain a legible copy of each reference. It is respectfully submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 1, 2006 was proper. The three references not considered by the Examiner were cited in parent application Serial No. 09/491,527 filed January 26, 2000 and therefore under 37 CFR 1.98(d) those references do not need to be submitted. However to get the references considered by the Examiner, Applicant is submitting herewith the three references. Since the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 1, 2006 was in compliance, Applicant believes no further fee is required for consideration of these references. If the Examiner determines that a fee is in fact required, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form 1449 with the next communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
		"BioChip Arrayer: Automated DNA Microarray Fabrication," http://www.packardinst.com/prod_serv/biochiparrayer.htm , Packard Instrument Company, 3 pages (Date downloaded 10/13/99)
		Instruction Page, "Programmable Error Correction PKE 80," RSF Elektronik, Rancho Cordova, CA, 1 page (Admitted as prior art as of the filing date)
		"Press Release: New Options Optimize Arraying Technology," http://www.packardinst.com/pr/pr899-2.htm , 2 pages (August 1, 1999)

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